GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HM & FW Dept. – Containment, Control and Prevention of spread of COVID – 19 – Lock down till 31st March, 2020 in the State of Andhra Pradesh – Notification under Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 – Issued

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HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (B2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.209 **Dt: 22.03.2020**

Read the following :

1. G.O.Rt.No.189, HM & FW (B2) Dept. Dt:13.03.2020.
2. G.O.Rt.No.202, HM & FW (B2) Dept. Dt:18.03.2020.
3. G.O.Rt.No.204, HM & FW (B2) Dept. Dt:19.03.2020.

ORDER :

The following notification shall be published in the extra ordinary issue of A.P. Gazette.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers contained under Sec 234 of Epidemic Disease Act, 1897, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby issues following measures for containment of COVID-19.

1. WHO has declared COVID19 a global pandemic. Since the onset of preventive measures 11,670 foreign returnees to the state have been placed under medical surveillance. Of these 10,091 are placed under home isolation, 24 are hospitalized and 1,555 have completed home isolation of 28 days. So far 6 cases have tested positive, one each in districts of Nellore, East Godavari, Krishna, Prakasam and 2 in Visakhapatnam.

2. While, vide GO Rt.No. 202 and GO Rt. No. 204 multiple restriction and social distancing measures have been communicated, it is imperative that in proactive manner a state-wide lockdown is observed to prevent onset of community transmission of the Corona-virus. Therefore, in continuation to the measures enunciated in GOs cited above the following measures to ensure that such a lockdown will come into force with immediate effect across the state of Andhra Pradesh up to 31st March 2020:

i. No public transport including inter-state transport services shall be permitted. The exception will include transport of all kinds to and fro from hospitals, airports & railway stations etc.
ii. All non-essential commercial shops shall be shut down.
iii. All non-essential offices, factories, workshops, go-downs etc. if operated should do so with skeletal staff.
iv. All foreign returnees are directed to remain under strict home quarantine for a period of 14 days or as advocated by local Health Authorities (Collectors to monitor and update on online portal).
v. Police will ensure Beat Vigilance System regarding all foreign returnees across the state.For this, police should take help of MahilaSamrakshna Karyadarshi (mahila police).
vi. General public are required to stay at home and come out only for basic services while strictly following social distancing (2m distance between individuals) guidelines issued earlier.
vii. Any congregation of more than 10 persons is prohibited in public places.
viii. A 100 bedded Quarantine / Isolation facility should be established at each assembly constituency level.

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ix. Each district headquarters shall have 200-300 bed Tertiary Care Treatment facility dedicated for COVID-19 treatment in coordination with private sector.

x. Collectors will maintain strict vigilance on essential commodities and medicines. Clear advertisements regarding rates & stocking in this regard shall be communicated and any violation by individuals/establishments shall be dealt strictly under relevant provisions of the IPC. A toll free number should be set up by District Collectors for complaints in this regard

xi. Farmers and individuals involved in production of food grains/essential commodities will be allowed to take up their activities by maintaining social distancing norms.

3. However, the following establishments providing essential services shall be excluded from the above restrictions:

a. Offices charged with law and order and magisterial duties

i. Collector

ii. Joint Collector

iii. Sub Collector / RDO

iii. MRO

b. Police, Health, Urban Local Bodies, Fire, Electricity, Water and Municipal Services, Bank/ATM, Print, Electronic and Social Media.

c. Food, Groceries, Milk, Bread, Fruit, Vegetable, Meat, Fish and their transportation related activities and warehousing.

d. Hospitals, Pharmacies, Optical stores, Pharmaceuticals manufacturing and their transportation related activities

e. Telecom & Internet Services including IT&ITeS, Postal services

f. Supply chain and related transportation of essential goods

g. e-Commerce (delivery) of all essential goods including food, pharmaceutical and medical equipment

h. Take away/ home delivery restaurants and hotels.

i. Petrol pumps, LPG gas, Oil agencies, their go-downs and transportation related activities.

j. Production and Manufacturing Units which require continuous process may continue to function, after obtaining required permission from the Collector.

k. Manufacturing units engaged in production of essential commodities

l. Private establishments that support the above services or are linked to the efforts for containment of COVID-19 will remain open.

4. District Collector shall be the competent authority to decide if any produce / service is essential in nature or not.

5. District Administration should appeal to general public to ensure observance of social distancing norms in public places and appropriate sanitary / distancing measures in private sphere. This appeal should lay special focus on the elderly (above 60 yrs) and those with flu like symptoms, medical complications like asthma, BP, cardio vascular complications etc.

6. While the lockdown as enunciated above should be initiated with immediate effect, the district administration should continue to focus on the containment strategy being practised thus far involving tracking the dissemination of a disease within a community through tracking of foreign returnees / suspect cases, and then using isolation and individual quarantines to keep people who have been infected by or exposed to the disease from spreading it.

7. District Collectors, Joint Collectors, Police Commissioners, SPs, Municipal Commissioners, Sub Collectors, RDOs, DM&HOs, Tahsildars and MPDOs are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions for enforcement and implementation of the aforesaid measures. Local police shall render necessary assistance as and when requisitioned by the aforementioned officers.

8. Any person found violating the containment measures; shall deemed to have committed an offence punishable under section 188 of Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860). Strict compliance with aforementioned measures is warranted.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NILAM SAWHNEY
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner, Printing ,Stationery& Purchase, Vijayawada(with a request to publish the notification in extraordinary Gazette)
All the District Collectors in the State.
All the Municipal Commissioners in the State.
The Principal Secretary, T.R. & B., Secretariat. } with a request
The SpL, Chief Secy., Revenue(CT&Excise) Dept. } to issue further
The Principal Secretary, Home Dept. } guidelines to
The Principal Secretary, Revenue Dept. } operationalize
The Principal Secretary, L.E.T. & F. Dept., Secretariat } the instructions
The Principal Secretary, PR&RD Dept. } issued in the G.O.
The Principal Secretary, I&I Dept. }
The Principal Secretary, MA&UD Dept. }
The Director General of Police, Mangalagiri. }
The Commissioner, I&PR Dept. }

All District Superintendents of Police in the State of A.P.
The Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner of Public Transport Department.
All HODs of H.M. & F.W. Dept.

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